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Report of Selectmen and S. S. Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF DEXTER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB'Y 28, 1875.

R. O. Robbins, Pr., Dexter, Me.

Report of Selectmen.

PAUPER SUPPORT.

Dr. S. Mudgett,	Medical attendance,	\$75 00
Fort Fairfield,	support of Thos. J. Page,	6 55
Jenkins & Hill,	Joseph Clukey,	3 00
"	Charles Clukey,	2 00
"	Frank Brawn,	10 00
C. Foss,	Elmer Leavitt,	6 50
Poor Farm,	"	2 00
C. Foss,	John Clukey,	8 50
Timothy Daggett,	Samuel Lowell,	5 63
E. A. Ayer,	"	41 00
G. W. Lincoln,	James Dyer,	3 88
Ezra Roberts,	Columbus Berry,	44 88
Jenkins & Hill,	Mrs. Ellis,	85
Curtis & Billings,	"	5 50
C. Foss,	"	2 50
H. E. Hatch,	Levi Clukey,	2 00
S. S. Jones,	"	13 37
Jenkins & Hill,	"	7 50
H. E. Hatch,	"	3 00
E. A. Ayer,	C. Pouliard & family,	23 87
G. W. Lincoln,	"	12 04
E. M. Tibbetts,	"	2 50
J. W. Leighton,	"	1 25
C. Foss,	"	10 50
J. B. Arnold,	"	88 55
Jenkins & Hill,	"	18 75
G. W. Lincoln,	Jacob Grant,	133 59
C. Foss,	"	2 25
Poor Farm,	"	21 92
C. Foss,	Boyd C. Hines,	5 50
H. E. Hatch,	"	20 41
E. A. Ayer,	"	4 60
A. Abbott & Co.,	Mrs. York's child,	30 51
W. H. Durgin,	A. P. Bond,	3 00
C. Foss,	"	13 75
J. H. Swanton,	"	5 00
St. Albans,	"	8 00
C. Foss,	"	42 25
H. E. Hatch,	"	30 71
Samuel Covell,	Mrs. S. Grover,	102 71
C. Foss,	Mrs. Sewall Blake,	20 25
L. C. Morgan,	Joseph Dyer,	2 00
C. P. McCrillis,	"	7 00
Charles Curtis,	"	7 50
Pennington & Tibbetts,	"	9 25
L. Green,	Misses Morgan,	23 75
C. Foss,	Otis Butler,	215 00
Hiram Bassett,	Mrs. Harvey Lane,	27 83
R. Nutter,	"	2 00
C. Foss,	Byron Merrill,	4 00
Jenkins & Hill,	David Berry,	6 00
B. F. Dunham,	Mrs. Stephen P. Haynes,	52 00
Jenkins & Hill,	"	5 00
C. Foss,	"	35 36
"	Stephen P. Haynes,	43 04
"	Wm. Brawn,	3 78
"	"	1 37
"	Fabian Clukey,	5 00
"	"	2 00
"	"	7 00
"	"	1 00

Am't carried over,

893 28

PAUPER SUPPORT—CONTINUED.

Am't brought over,		\$93 28
L. D. Hayes,	Stranger,	1 00
H. W. Bean,		1 00
P. McCrillis,	Lessau,	12 80
R. Nutter, Jr., expenses of Dreslin from hospital,		14 00
" support of 2 strangers,		2 00
A. R. Dunlap and wife, services on Farm,		300 00
Supplies for Farm,		44 21
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		\$1,268 29
Due and paid from other towns,		84 18
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Balance of pauper support,		\$1,184 11

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ingalls' burglary reward,		\$500 00
R. O. Robbins, printing and report of 1874,		25 80
Band Stand,		90 00
Slating Town Hall,		689 50
Repairing " chimneys,		35 87
" " furnaces, registers, &c.,		24 85
Coal tar and rosin for side-walk, (on hand),		88 75
R. O. Robbins, advertising and job work,		12 10
P. McCrillis, abatements of 1870, 1871 and 1872, as per vote,		55 89
Jonathan Shepley, error of tax 1873,		5 36
Constable services,		35 20
B. B. Lucas, care and cleaning Hall for Town Meetings,		4 00
Frank E. Dustin, surveying,		5 50
D. F. Thompson, damage to person and team on highway,		50 00
H. G. Parshley, " horse, " " "		25 00
Joseph W. Grant, " wagon, " "		1 50
G. G. Fifield, varnishing hearse,		18 00
Books and stationery,		9 09
Express,		75
C. Foss, services as Selectman,		90 00
H. Jennings, " "		82 00
R. Nutter, Jr., " "		123 75
Hudson Sawyer, services as S. S. Committee,		104 25
E. F. Ambrose, " " " "		8 25
G. Wormelle, " " " "		21 25
J. W. Barron, " Treasurer,		30 00
Levi Bridgham, " Clerk,		15 00
Books for S. S. Committee and schools,		3 15
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		\$2,154 81

HIGHWAYS.

By whom expended.	Summer.	Winter.
George Farmer,	\$1,157 00	\$36 88
John Martin,	49 50	43 23
Wm. Johnson,	35 87	24 17
Oliver Lane,	195 25	
Bailey French,	19 30	58 30
P. M. Additon,	23 55	42 65
R. A. Carr,	56 37	80 65
Henry I. Safford,	93 65	37 28
Frank Young,	35 25	3 07
Jere Page,	43 62	52 25
D. McG. Jones,	75 95	99 21
G. D. Blake,	59 28	45 78
John R. Towle,	33 00	18 30
Charles Lowell,		61 92
John Brown,	63 10	45 20
Samuel Arno,	2 87	
H. H. Jose,	57 50	45 74
C. W. Farrar,	86 90	78 05
I. F. Mower,	61 47	
Darius Sampson,	42 70	41 03
Samuel Grant,	32 50	50 42
J. & G. A. Abbott,	53 49	
Hiram Carr,	12 18	16 38
C. S. Drew,	21 84	82 12
Charles Ellms,	20 00	61 27
Luther Young,	53 35	69 36
Joseph H. Cobb,	42 67	43 77
E. D. Jumper,	51 90	76 10
A. T. Robinson,	41 25	18 20
Stephen F. Wheeler,	18 00	57 83
C. C. Hatch,	6 75	66 19
Charles Parkman,	7 05	24 27
Dexter Mills,		32 37
James W. Lane,		66 40
A. B. Fogg,	22 00	37 91
J. W. Farrar,	10 00	24 67
L. D. Packard,	19 25	64 20
L. Bridge,	7 35	21 50
George Watson,		4 29
Warren Mower,		59 78
M. M. Hersey,		45 32
W. H. Curtis,	32 88	140 15
L. M. Haseltine		56 63
Wm. Oliver,	25 90	92 49
J. P. Emerson,	45 75	62 50
Selectmen,	274 50	
Curtis & Billings,	11 65	
N. Dustin & Co.,	3 80	
Rebuilding bridge at Spooner's Mills,	40 49	
B. F. Dunham,	73 60	54 70
Rebuilding bridge at Main Stream,	195 00	
	\$3,315 28	\$2,142 53
		3,315 28

Total of highways.

\$5,457 81

NEW ROADS.

C. O. Marsh, \$900 00

TOWN FARM.

Paid A. R. Dunlap and wife for care of farm,		\$300 00
for supplies for farm,		459 15
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		\$769 15
Received for produce and stock sold,		424 94
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		\$344 21
Stock and produce on hand more than last year,	50 00	
Support of persons paid from other towns,	6 60	56 60
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Expense of farm one year,		\$287 61

STOCK ON FARM.

2 oxen, 5 years old,	\$190 00
1 horse,	150 00
2 cows,	90 00
2 heifers, 2 years old,	50 00
2 hogs,	20 00
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	\$500 00

PRODUCE ON HAND.

11 tons hay,	\$110 00	25 bush. beets,	7 00
2 " straw,	10 00	15 " turnips and carrots,	4 00
66 bush. wheat,	99 00	200 " potatoes,	100 00
4 " beans,	11 00	50 lbs. pork,	6 00
11-2 " peas,	2 00	60 " dried apple,	6 00
7 " oats,	4 00	20 " lard,	4 00
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	\$236 00		\$127 00
			236 00
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			\$363 00

BILLS OF FORMER YEARS.

Paupers,	\$47 50
Constable services,	16 75
School Committee,	45 00
Fire Department,	33 75
Highways,	11 52
J. Crosby, prof. services,	11 00
On tomb,	2 30
Oil for Hall,	8 10
R. W. Gilmore, keeping strangers,	8 50
A. Merrill, abatements,	208 98
" per centage on collecting,	299 31
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	\$692 71

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquor and casks sold,		\$189 63
Paid agent, 1 month service,	8 33	
town treasurer,	180 30	
Liquor furnished paupers,	1 00	
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		189 63
Liquors on hand March 1st, 1874,	\$260 00	
" " " " 1875,	100 00	

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways, summer,	\$3,315 28
" winter,	2,142 53
Paupers,	1,184 06
Fire Department,	1,154 54
New Roads,	900 00
Miscellaneous,	2,154 81
Paid Schools,	4,704 28
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	\$15,555 50

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN. -

Ann L. Mower,	May 7th, 1869,	\$200 00
Obed Foss,	April 7th, 1868,	250 00
" "	" 9th, 1869,	150 00
Roncisco Safford,	July 20th, 1869,	500 00
Samuel Abbott,	Nov. 19th, 1869,	342 00
Samuel F. Marble,	July 1st, 1870,	1,500 00
Obed Foss,	May 30th, 1870,	200 00
Nancy J. Palmer,	July 20th, 1870,	400 00
Hosea B. Crowell,	June 10th, 1871,	537 00
Abigail Puffer,	July 1st, "	250 00
Abigail Crowell,	May 11th, 1872,	315 00
J. W. Barron,	Sept. 13th, "	600 00
" "	Jan. 21st, 1873,	400 00
" "	" 29th, "	1,000 00
Funded debt,		8,000 00
Ann L. Katen,	Feb. 17th, 1873,	100 00
Mary F. Leighton,	May 13th, 1873,	527 50
J. W. Barron,	" 11th, 1874,	1,000 00
" "	July 2d, "	350 00
Mary W. Katen,	" 20th, "	300 00
Ellen E. Whittemore,	Aug. 29th, "	125 00
Dexter Savings Bank,	Sept. 17th, "	1,500 00
A. H. Johnson,	Nov. 4th, "	2,000 00
Due School Districts,		1,703 19
" High School,		592 41
Outstanding orders,		42 50
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		\$22,884 60

RESOURCES.

100 shares D. & N. R. R.,	\$7,000 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	2,171 10
Taxes in hands of collector, less per centage,	2,186 33
Due from other towns for support of paupers,	46 68
Dividend due from D. & N. R. R.,	300 00
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	\$11,704 11
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Balance against town,	\$11,180 49

**REPORT OF THE TREAS. OF DEXTER, MADE TO THE
SELECTMEN MARCH 6, 1875.**

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By amount in the Treasury at the commencement of the year,	\$6087 35
" " of Tax Bills committed Allen Merrill collector,	13,439 23
" " of Cash received from loans during the year,	5,575 00
town of Leeds (paupers),	5 80
Hartland "	5 00
St. Albans "	17 00
Ripley "	10 00
Circus Licenses,	50 00
Int. on Railroad Stock,	300 00
State Mill Tax for schools,	904 10
Bank Tax for schools,	647 40
High school fund,	500 00
Error in Liquor Agency, 1872,	4 38
Liquor Agency, 1874,	180 30
casks sold by G. E. Farmer,	5 25
Sale of Grass 1873 and 1874,	
in Cemetery,	22 02
Int. on town school fund,	159 00
Hall rent,	120 00
Total,	\$28,031 83

DR.

To paid on orders drawn 1874-5,	\$16,768 25
" Town debt (orders),	1,855 00
" In't on town debt (orders),	511 48
" In't on funded debt,	81 60
" Funded debt,	3,600 00
" Tax to town of St. Albans,	5 17
" Am't in hands of collector,	2,539 23
" Cash in the treasury,	2,171 10
Total,	\$28,031 83

J. W. BARRON, Treasurer.

**Report of the Trustees of Dexter School Fund. by GEORGE
HAMILTON, Treasurer.**

Whole amount of Fund,	\$2,689 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds,	1,000 00
" Corinna "	600 00
David McG. Jones' note,	150 00
John & Hiram Morgan's note,	30 00
Cash in Treasury,	9 47

\$2,689 47

Interest on the amount, \$180.80, has been collected and paid into the Town Treasury, excepting that due from John & Hiram Morgan, for two years.

MARCH 6, 1875.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Support of Schools,	\$2,500 00
" High School,	500 00
" Poor,	1,500 00
Town charges,	2,500 00
New roads,	1,500 00
Highways,	5,000 00

Value of Real Estate,	_____	\$582,522
" Personal		241,580

Percentage,	_____	.022
Number of Polls,		597
" Scholars,		902
" Dogs,		103

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town,
March 1st, 1875, and expenditures for one year.

CYRUS FOSS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
HORACE JENNINGS,	
RICHARD NUTTER.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Dexter.</i>

Report of S. S. Committee.

DIST. NO. 1. This district has no school house. It is connected with a district in Corinna, and does not come under our supervision.

DIST. NO. 2. *Summer Term*—No report. Are informed that there was a school of five weeks, and that the teacher was obliged to close it before the time intended on account of sickness. *Winter Term*—By George Foss. A well instructed school. Some difficulties were encountered. Few of the boys required a firmer hand to govern them. No report received. Advancement fair. *Spring Term*—By I. M. Russ. Now in operation. Mr. Russ taught school in this district twenty-four years ago. His past reputation as a teacher assures us in saying that this school will be a very profitable one.

DIST. NO. 3. *Summer Term*—By George Arnold. A profitable school, well governed and instructed. Attendance 22, average attendance 17. *Winter Term*—By S. S. Philbrick. This was a good school and very satisfactory. The government and method such as to secure from the instruction the best possible results. Attendance 19, average attendance 14.

DIST. NO. 4. *Fall Term*—By Miss Mary E. Drew. A good school, well instructed and governed. Attendance 18, average attendance 14.

DIST. NO. 5. *Winter Term*—By Miss Fannie Marble. School very small. Seven scholars when visited the first of the term. A well ordered and instructed school. Miss Marble has taken the advantages which our Normal schools afford in her preparation as a teacher, and well deserves the position of teacher in our larger and more advanced schools. Attendance 9, average attendance 7.

DIST. NO. 7. *Summer Term*—By Miss Hannah Butters. A profitable term of school in such studies as were in the school. The study of Grammar very much neglected. Miss Butters is a practical teacher and well worthy to instruct and govern in our common schools. Attendance 16, Average attendance 15. *Winter Term*—By Miss Bessie W. Nutter. Also an excellent school, with the exception that the scholars will not be induced to study grammar. Well governed and the instruction and method good. Miss Nutter is destined to take rank among our first-class teachers, for the fact that she seeks to learn *how to govern* and *how to instruct*, as well as to possess a literary education. Attendance 18, average attendance 16.

DIST. NO. 8. *Summer Term*—By Miss Ella Mower. A small school but instructed well, and advancement good. Attendance 10, average attendance 7. *Winter Term*—By same teacher. School some larger this term, with success which characterized previous term. Advancement good, attendance —, average attendance —.

DIST. NO. 9. *Summer Term*—This school was commenced by Miss Estelle Oliver. It was her first attempt at teaching, and after continuing a few weeks she gave up the school, the short term proving rather unsuccessful and unprofitable. Summer term continued by Miss Louisa E. Judkins. She taught a good school and gave perfect satisfaction. Method fine and thoroughly governed. Attendance 12, average attendance 12. *Winter Term*—By same teacher, Miss Judkins. This term was visited but once, by the committee, but with same teacher we believe the school was profitable and satisfactory. Attendance 15, average attendance 12.

DIST. NO. 10. *Summer Term*—By Miss Mary E. Hoyt. A very excellent school. Instruction and government alike good. Profitable and satisfactory. Attendance 21, average attendance, 19. *Winter Term*—By Miss Helen Jones. This likewise has been a successful and profitable school. Attendance about the same as last term.

DIST. NO. 11. *Summer Term*—We have received no report of this school and cannot give the name of the teacher, but from the examination last of the term, we judge it was fairly conducted and on the whole profitable. We believe it was the first term the teacher has taught. *Winter Term*—By Miss Agnes Rollins. A school in every way well governed and instructed. We noticed in this school a *very marked interest* on the part of the scholars to make the term profitable. We allude particularly to the larger scholars. Attendance 25, average attendance 20.

DIST. NO. 12. *Summer Term*—By Miss Hattie S. Parsons. This was a fairly conducted school. The first term Miss Parsons has taught. Advancement fair, attendance 23, average attendance 18. *Winter Term*—By Miss Lizzie M. Gray. This teacher gave fair satisfaction. Her method in some respects was good, but her instruction was not so profitable as we could wish. The school, though, on the whole, was very satisfactory. Attendance 17, average attendance 17. *Spring Term*—By Frank A. Haselton. This school is now in operation, and with same teacher who has taught two successful terms in the district, we expect good results.

DIST. NO. 6, [VILLAGE.]

SOUTH BRANCH SCHOOL. *Summer Term*—By Miss Etta Bement. A fairly instructed school. Advancement fair. Attendance 16, average attendance 12. *Winter Term*—By Miss Alice Smart. Her first school; remarkably well governed and instructed, with general satisfaction. Advancement good, attendance —, average attendance —.

UPPER PRIMARY. *Summer, Fall and Winter Terms*—By Miss M. Lizzie Bailey. This school has been successfully taught during the year by an efficient and experienced teacher. She has taught the same school several years. Her discipline is remarkably fine, government good and instruction unsurpassed. Attendance 54, average attendance 45.

LOWER PRIMARY. *Summer, Fall and Winter Terms*—By Miss Lydia Blake Weymouth. As with the Upper Primary so with this. It has been fortunate to have the services of the same teacher throughout the year, and who is also well qualified to govern as well as instruct in our common schools. As a teacher Miss Weymouth ranks among the first for our Primary schools. Advancement good. Attendance 53, Average attendance 40.

FREE STREET PRIMARY. *Summer Term*—By Miss Laura Additon. This teacher has not had the experience of our other Primary teachers, but she taught a very satisfactory school. She also taught the winter term with marked success and very much im-

proved in her manner of teaching after the summer term. Miss Additon labored hard in the winter school and tried to make her work profitable, which she did very creditably to herself. We regret that she was obliged to close her last school two weeks before the time, on account of sickness. *Fall Term*—By Miss Flora B. Goodwin. This was a very excellent school. The teacher is well adapted to children, and she has the characteristics of a first-class teacher for Primarians. Advancement good, attendance 42, average attendance 35.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE. *Summer Term*.—By Miss Bessie Nutter. This was a profitable and successful school. Advancement good—see report District No. 7, winter term. Attendance 33, average attendance 30. *Fall and Winter Terms*—By Mrs. Cornelia J. Jones. This teacher has shown very good results from her teaching the past two terms, and it was very noticeable in the class she had prepared for examination at the close of the winter term to go from her school to the Grammar school. We have thought that she was rather moderate in her way in the school room, but her schools have made a very good appearance and we have no doubt they have been profitable. Attendance 32, average attendance 29.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE. *Summer Term*—By Miss Adelaide Quinby. This school has had its troubles throughout the year. Some of the boys needed more to be governed than instructed. Miss Quinby found this to be the fact. The first two weeks she governed principally, after that she instructed as well, and the term together was very creditably governed and instructed, though not without labor. Her method and instruction were alike good. The advancement might have been better if some of the boys had come to learn instead of principally to be governed. *Fall Term*—By Miss Ella Mower. This teacher found the same trouble to contend with, as the previous teacher did. The older boys hard to control and the school was not so profitable as it would have been otherwise. Advancement not what we could wish. Miss Mower has taught three terms in District No. 8 and has given good satisfaction. *Winter Term*—By Miss Etta Bement. We cannot say that this term of school was satisfactory. The same boys who have troubled the past two schools have attended this term. They require a firmer hand to govern them. Neither was the instruction or advancement what we could desire. Attendance 36, average attendance 29.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. This school was unfortunate at the commencement of the school year. The teacher who commenced the summer term, had had no experience in a school of this grade. She taught but a few weeks, when the principal of the High school took the school, and completed the term, (his school having a vacation.) After the close of this term, believing it to be for the interest of the Grammar school to have an experienced and efficient male teacher, we applied to Hon. Warren Johnson, State Superintendent of Common Schools, for such a teacher, who recommended to us the present teacher, Mr. N. W. Taylor. We made an engagement with him to teach three terms of school, and he is now completing the third term. Since Mr. Taylor took the school we believe it has been profitably and successfully taught. Attendance 54, average attendance 44.

HIGH SCHOOL. This school remains under the instruction of Mr. Ambrose, who has been the principal for several years. He also has one female assistant. The school maintains its past standing. The principal desires to have a course of study in this school for each and every scholar to take when he enters, but as yet has been un-

able to effect it. Scholars entering this school, however, have the opportunity to study, besides the common English branches—Latin, French, Greek, Algebra, Geometry Rhetoric, Physiology, Philosophy, National History, Physical Geography, Botany, Chemistry, and Geology. This school is now in operation, and commenced the spring term with 62 scholars. The school year of the High school is divided into three terms, Fall, Winter and Spring, of twelve weeks each.

Some of the Articles relating to the *wants* of our schools, prepared for this report, will be printed in the Gazette, it being thought advisable to make our formal report as short as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. SAWYER.

[Supplementary to Selectmen's Report.]

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Union Hook & Ladder Co.,	\$100 00
Two Engines,	200 00
B. B. Lucas, care of Hook & Ladder carriage,	10 00
H. A. Johnson, " Engine,	10 00
E. W. Clark, " Engine,	10 00
New hose,	740 60
J. D. Maxfield, care of hydrants,	10 00
C. Foss, sundries,	1 79
A. H. Knight & Co., repairs,	2 00
N. Dustin & Co., oil, &c.,	8 45
N. F. Roberts, chief engineer,	10 00
Jenkins & Hill, oil, &c.,	90
A. P. Fassett, wood,	10 00
W. H. Durgin, " and oil,	11 05
Alcohol,	4 75
D. Dolloff, Jr., Fire Warden,	18 00
E. F. Copeland, "	7 00
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